

REMARKS

Claims **113-120, 122-131, 133, 135-138, 140-142, 144-158, 160-162, 164-172, 174-176** and **178-185** are pending in the application.

Claims **131** stands rejected.

Claims **133, 135-142** and **144-157** stand objected to.

Claims **131** and **142** have been amended.

Claim **133** has been cancelled.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 133, 135-142 and 144-157 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Applicant wishes to express his appreciation for the indicated allowability of claims 133, 135-142 and 144-157. In response, Applicant has amended independent claim 131 to include pertinent limitations of certain of the objected to claims, as well as those of corresponding intervening claims. Applicant therefore respectfully submits that amended independent claim 131, as well as remaining dependent claims 135-142 and 144-157, are in condition for allowance.

CONCLUSION

In view of the amendments and remarks set forth herein, the application and the claims therein are believed to be in condition for allowance without any further examination and a notice to that effect is solicited. Nonetheless, should any issues remain that might be subject to resolution through a telephonic interview, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at 512-439-5094.

If any extensions of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) are required in order for this submission to be considered timely, Applicants hereby petition for such extensions. Applicants also hereby authorize that any fees due for such extensions or any other fee associated with this submission, as specified in 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or § 1.17, be charged to Deposit Account 502306.

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